PROGRAMME OF SPORTS TO-DAY. GOLF.—Annual meeting, Englewood Golf Club, Englewood Club, Englewood, N. J. BASEBALL.—Annual meeting, National Baseball League, Fifth Avenue Hotel.

BILLIARDS. — Amateur tournament, Knickerbecker Athletic Club. ROLLER POLO. - Danbury against Bridgeport, Danbury.

BASKET-BALL.—Second team of St.
George against Grace Athletic Club team,
at latter's gymnasium, East Fourteenth-st.;
Deaf Mutes against Bay Ridge Athletic
Club team, Bay Ridge.

SHOOTING.—Erie Gun Club, Dexter Park; T. W. Morley against A. Doty, Singac, N. J.

BASEBALL.

THE MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE DIRECTORS.

Legal complications threatened the magnates of the National Baseball League yesterday, and con-requently the club-owners were more deliberate than usual in the first day's work of the convention, now being held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

Baseball law, as it is applied to clubs and players,
may be all right in its way, but when it comes in
contact with the real article in a court of law it has to give way, as a general thing. The present treubles of the Lengue have been caused by the differences at St. Louis. Both C. Von der Ahe and B. S. Muckenfuss claim control of the club. When the Board of Directors of the League met yester day morning both of these men were there to represent St. Louis. As the matter could not be setit was decided to refer the case to the full meeting of the League, and the Board of Directors adjourned. Each faction was represented by at-

Among those who gathered at the hotel during Among those who gathered at the hotel during the day were Presidents James A. Hart, Chicago; A. H. Soden, Boston; Edward Hanlon, Baltimore; Char, es H. Ebbets Brooklyn; Frank De Hass Robison, Cleveland; John T. Brush, Cinctinati; A. J. Reach, Philadelphia; H. C. Pulliam, Louisville; W. Kert, Pittsburg; Chris Von der Ahe, and B. S. Muckenfuss, St. Louis, and J. Earl Wagner, Washington. In addition to these there were other representatives of the different clubs, among whom were John I. Rogers, Philadelphia; W. Conant, Poston; F. A. Abell, Brooklyn; John B. Day, Patrick T. Powers, president of the Eastern League; "Bau" Johnson, president of the Western League; Tarthur Irwin, Washington; Edward Barrows, president of the Atlantic League; T. H. Murnane, president of the New-England League; "Buck" Ewing, Cincinnati; "Patsy" Donovan, Pittsburg, and a host of payers of more or less note.

Pitisburg, and a host of players of more or less note. It was said that an effort might be made to reduce the circuit of the League to ten clubs, and this can be done, providing that the clubs vote unanimously on the proposition. If the plan is carried out, and it probably will not be, the Cleveland team will be transferred to St. Louis and the Louisville club may be bought out by the League. It was said also that Datroit had made an offer of \$50,000 for the Louisville franchise, and that this offer might be accepted to-day. The New-York club was not represented at the meeting, the Boston delegates holding the New-York proxy.

CYCLING.

RECORDS FOR THE SEASON.

CHAIRMAN MOTT GIVES OUT THE OFFICIAL SPEED FIGURES FOR THE YEAR-WHAT STER-

THE FIRST BACE OF ORANGE LIST.

THE FIRST BACE OF THE WALL THE

WEFERS DENIES A RUMOR. Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 13.-Rernard J. Wefers. city, to spend the holidays, denies the report that the has resigned from the New-York Athletic Club to join the Boston Athletic Association. Wefers says that his poor condition last season was due to continuous training for several years.

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SKATING.

LITTLE CHANCE OF SKATING IN CENTRAL AND

PROSPECT PARKS THIS WEEK.

While the enthusiasts of that healthful outdoor

sport skating had a merry time of it yesterday at

Van Cortlandt Park, the prospects for skating

on the large lakes in Central and Prospect parks

are not so bright for the immediate future. The

magic red ball, looked for with so much enthusi-

asm by healthy youngsters, was hoisted at noon

yesterday, denoting that the lakes in Van Cort-

landt Park were ready for the skaters. By 2

p. m. the lakes were filling up rapidly with a

merry throng, which lost little time in buckling

on shining runners and darting out upon the

The ice was in fairly good condition, and the

Park yesterday it was predicted that the fee would not be strong enough for skaters at least

To show what is the actual cost of cooking with gas, the bills of

have been taken from the books

of one of the gas companies of

this city. The cases were widely

scattered, mostly in apartments

renting from \$35 to \$50 a month.

Total cost of fuel for cooking.

These figures tell their own story

of economy, saying nothing of

Referee Edward McLaughlin.
The schedule for to-day is: Taylor vs. Hevner in the afternoon, and Smith vs. Miller in the evening.

The afternoon score follows:

burg, one of the favorites for first honors, was

by every other player in turn. He was thought to be the easiest man of the lot to beat, but he left the

ills so safe that the bir New-York expert could

SAVED BY DEATHBED AVOWAL

AN INNOCENT MAN HAS SERVED TEN YEARS IN SING SING.

WENT TO JAIL FOR THIRTY YEARS TO SAVE HIS BROTHER, WHO BEFORE HIS DEATH FROM CONSUMPTION, CONFESSED HIS GUILT.

The deathbed repentance of a man who allowed his brother to serve ten years in Sing Sing Prison was the cause of a letter being sent by District-Attorney Gardiner to Governor Black yesterday merning asking for the immediate release of the innocent man. Michael O'Donnell is the man wh innocent man. M'chael o' Donnell is to the has been the vicarious sacrifice for his brother, and he has preferred to suffer rather than bring to justice his brother, James O'Donnell. The latter, conscience-stricken by his brother's fate, went into

consumption, and after wasting away for ten years made a confession, and died the next day. On the night of April 8, 1888, the saloon of Max On the night of April 8, 1885, the same of G. Stein, at No. 410 East Sixty-fourth-st., was entered by three burglars. The noise made by the burglars awoke Stein, and, taking a pistol with him, he went into the barroom. As soon as he appeared in the saloon the burglars opened up a fusillade on him. Stein returned the fire, and for several minutes there was a small battle in pregress. The burglars were somewhat overawed by the bravery of Steln, and retreated. As they did a big stone crashed through the window. Michael Feehan, who lived in East Sixty-seventh-st., covered the retrent of his companions, and was the last to make his escape. He was captured by the police of the East Sixty-seventh-st. station, w were attracted by the noise of the shooting.

The burglars managed to get Stein's gold watch and chain, some money and articles of jewelry On the sidewalk near the saloon the police found a hat with a hole shot in it. The morning after the burglary Michael O'Donnell went in the locality of the saloon and was arrested after being identified by Stein as one of the burglars. Feehan was put through the third degree, but stoutly refused to divulge the names of his accomplices, though he stoutly maintained that Michael O'Donnell had nothing to do with the burglary and was innocent. O'Donnell also protested his innocence, and the only evidence against bim was Stein's positive assertion

custodians of the pends say that they will do Feehan pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to thirty years in Sing Sing prison. Michael O'Don-nell stood trial. His mother and sister swore posteverything in their power to make the skaters as comfortable as circumstances will permit.
As fast as the ice is cut up men with scrapers will be put to work to remove the pulverized ice and snow. The surface is a little rough in places, on account of the high winds when the water was freezing.

Inquiry at the Arsenal in the afternoon showed that conditions in Cantral Park were not so tively that he had been at home on the night of the burgiary, but O'Donnell's previous bad character was against him. He had been in many broils, and had been often in the police court. This sentenced to thirty years in Sing Sing. James

water was freezing.

Inquiry at the Arsenal in the afternoon showed that conditions in Central Park were not so favorable. There was only a thin coating of ice on the large lake, and it will require several days of cold weather, according to those in charge, before this fine body of water will be ready for the thousands who will rush to the Park as soon as skating is announced. There is a heavier coating of ice on the smaller lakes designated as the Fifty-ninth-st, and the Harlem Mere, but it is doubtful if any skating will be permitted at either place until the ice is close to five inches thick. It will require cold weather for several days to bring about this condition. The high winds have prevented the ice from forming around the edges, and there are many gaps in the larger lake.

While the youngsters were having a merry time of it on the small suburban ponds in Brooklyn, the chances are that there will be no skating on the lakes in Prospect Park this week unless the weather continuez unusually cold right through. The ice on the larger lake is unsentenced to thirty years in Sing Sing. James o'Donnell, the guilty man, said nothing during the whole trial, and attewed his brother to be sent to jail.

Some time ago Senater Maurice Featherson secured a pardon for Fechan. He went to Sing Sing on the Christmas Lay after the pardon had been secured to make Fechan a Christmas present, but found that Fechan had died on Christmas Eve. He left a slip of paper on which he had roughly scribbled the statemen; that in the knowledge of the fact that he was about to pass away he swore that Michael O'Donnell was innocent. Frior to his death Fechan told the whole story of the targiary, giving the names of those implicated in it. Senator Featherson was much impressed with this confession, and he saw O'Donnell in prison, and after a conversation with him announced that he was a wronged man, and should be pardoued. With tears in his eyes, however, the man who had been imprisoned wrongfully, and who kept the secret to save his brother from prison, said:

"For God's sake, don't. Poor Jim' is dying, and he won't have many days to live. Let him enjoy his last days in peace. He's got the consumption and his conscience troubles him, and I know he wants me to get out, but poor Jim' won't suffer, if I can help it. I am a strong fellow, and will live down this.

Mr. Featherson however, visited James O'Don-

skating on the lakes in Prospect Park this week unless the weather continues unusually cold right through. The ice on the larger lake is uneven and rough, and there are open places under the bridges which have been kept from freezing by the high winds which have been prevalent recently. The skating house is ready for the skaters, but at the Lichfield Mansion in the Park vesterday it was predicted that the ice With sime to get out, our plant fallow, and will live down this.

Mr. Featherson, however, visited James O'Dennell and talked with him. The man had changed since the day of the burglary. He tried apparently to do penance for his sin in allowing his brother to suffer for him and often offered to surrender himself. His brother, however, instructed his mother and sister to 'let Jim live at liberty.'

On April's last, just ten years after the commission of the crime, the doctors informed James O'Dennell that he was dying. A notary was summoned and in his presence he made a deathfield confession of his crime. He died in the Presbyterian Hospital the next day. His last words were: 'Thank God, Mike will be free!'

When the news of the confession and death of his brother was conveyed to the man who for ten years had suffered for the crime, he sat down on the cot in his cell and cried like a child. When the Warden told him he believed he was innocent and commiserated with him the prisoner said he would have remained the whole thirty years had Jim only lived.

is in the treasury of the committee, and when the beaten by Hendrick, who had previously been beaten receipts from the Pennsylvania game are received receipts from the Pennsylvania game are received this amount will be increased to about \$10.600. The treasurer's annual report, however, shows losses in baseball of \$1.615, and in track athletics of \$43.72. Thus far \$2.25 has been contributed toward Courtney's salary. At a meeting of the Athletic Council last night it was voted that hereafter all conches and trainers shall be circle by the council, and not by the countities in charge of the different branches of sports.

balls so safe that the bir New-York expert could not set them together to make any large run.

Pogenburg is well known to be weak in openatable play, and Hendrick took great pains to leave the balls as far apart as possible when he three-scoring, and the Lederkranz player missed many apparently easy shots. When he all get the balls together too, he frequently falled on short draw shots, and he compained that the balls did not show their usual elasticity. Even when Hendrick began his last string, the crowd expected the home player to win, but he could not do anything with the balls, and the Connection champion steadily clicked off the remaining carroms and won the game by 14 points. Poggenburg's average was the worst yet recorded in this tournament.

The score follows:

Hendrick—3, 9, 9, 9, 2, 14, 1, 15, 5, 4, 1, 12, 1, 3, 17, At a meeting of the Domestic and Foreign Misheld yesterday afternoon in the Church Mission House, many hishops and other prominent church men were in attendance to take action on the selection of a successor to the late Rev. Dr. William S. Langford, secretary of the society. A long list of prominent names for the place was put before

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Stark beat Hevner in the afternoon game, with the highest average and the best play of the tournament—just the reverse of Porkenburg's poor score. No shot on the table seemed too difficult for the Knickerbocker champion, and when he gathered the balls together in a corner he nursed them in and out of the balk lines for large runs. His best effort was 43, but he also made four other runs of over twenty.

The best average on record for Mo-point tournament games is 10-79, and this was made by Stark lazt spring in the Intercity Tournament at Daly's Academy. Stark came within one inning of equaling it last night. This victory makes him a favorite for the championship, and his friends now expect him to heat both Pog tenburg and Taylor, his two remaining opponents, to-morrow and Friday. Stark and Taylor are still first and second, with Smith third, Poggenburg fourth and Miller after.

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was finally laid on the table until the regular monthly meeting, which is to be held on January A large amount of routine business was then Cornelius Vanderbilt, who is one of the Board of

Managers of the society, was present. This is the first time in many months that Mr. Vanderbilt has appeared at the Church Mission House. He was eartily greeted by every one. Among the other hearth) gresent were William G. Low, W. Bayard Cutting, Ellibu Chauncey, James J. Goodwin, George Bishop Peter Trimble Rowe, of Alaska, was also

present and told many interesting stories of the missionary work in his jurisdiction.

It was amounced that a meeting of the missionary societies of the church would be held on January 19, 11 and 12 in the rooms of the Church Mission House.

FIRE IN THE SIEGEL-COOPER STORE. NOT ALLOWED TO GET BEYOND SOME CHRISTMAS

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